



# FEMA Grants Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Board of Mayor and Alderman

Update

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# Available Grants



- FEMA program administered through TEMA
- Two broad categories
  - Disaster related
    - **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) \***
  - Non-Disaster
    - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
    - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)
    - Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
    - Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)

Program	Application Deadline	Federal Share
<b>HMGP *</b> - Current focus	<b>1 year from date of declaration</b>	<b>75%</b> (+ state will pay half of local share)
FMA	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	75 – 90% (No state share)
PDM	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	75 – 90% (No state share)



# HMGP Program Notes



- Eligible activities - significantly reduce or permanently eliminate the loss of life and property from natural disasters
  - Acquisition of flood prone residential properties
  - Drainage improvement
  - Retention/detention basins
  - Reinforced corridors of public schools
  - Seismic or wind retrofit of non-profit utilities
- Two phases in response to this disaster
  - **Phase 1 – Acquisition of residential properties in floodplain**
  - Phase 2 – Any other project that will mitigate problems from this event

***\$\$ Will not know funds available until at least December \$\$***



# More Program Notes

- Participation by property owner is voluntary
- Property owner **not required** to have flood insurance to participate
- Must have FEMA approval prior to starting project
  - Can submit project that already started, but no guarantee
- Purchase offer based on **pre-disaster fair market value** (FMV)
- SBA ***may allow*** homeowners to use disaster assistance loan funds (*favorable mortgage rate*) to relocate
  - Eligibility determined on case-by-case basis
  - DO NOT WAIT on grant program determination before applying to SBA
  - **Deadline to apply to SBA is August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*Contact SBA – 1-800-659-2955\*\*\***



# TEMA Processing



- TEMA Receives Application
  - Internal review, ranking, prepare and send to council
- Council concurrence/non-concurrence
  - Based on respective knowledge
- Submission to FEMA/FEMA Review
- Award Package/Project Begins

*Average  
timeframe  
of 12  
months.*

*THEN*, it's about  
**36** months.



# 36 Months



Task 1:	<b>Tennessee State Contract Process</b> The State contract is the State's legal mechanism required to ensure funding or services to the applicant. The timeframe reflects up to a 6 month period.	Timeframe: 6 Months
Task 2:	<b>Appraisals</b> Hire licensed appraisal service and obtain fair-market appraisals on properties.	Timeframe: 3 Months
Task 3:	<b>Notification to Homeowners and Tenants</b> Provide property owners with offer to sale based on fair-market appraisal. Notify tenants of URA rights and responsibilities.	Timeframe: 2 Months
Task 4:	<b>Title Search/Other Legal Services</b> Necessary work to ensure fee simple acquisition.	Timeframe: 3 Months
Task 5:	<b>Acquire Properties</b> Set up and perform closing on each property.	Timeframe: 7 Months
Task 6:	<b>Residential Evacuation/Comparable Housing/URA</b> Provide comparables to eligible recipients of comparable housing and Uniform Relocation Assistance. All residents evacuate property.	Timeframe: 3 Months



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Task 7:	<b>Demolish Structures on Properties Acquired</b> Includes checking for asbestos and lead-based paint, permitting, demolition and site clean-up	Timeframe:	<b>4 Months</b>
Task 8:	<b>State Compliance Review</b> The state's financial and programmatic review of the completed project.	Timeframe:	<b>1 Month</b>
Task 9:	<b>Financial Reconciliation with FEMA</b> State submits compliance review to FEMA for financial reconciliation.	Timeframe:	<b>1 Month</b>
Task 10:	<b>State Compliance Review and FEMA Closeout</b> The State Compliance Review is a review of the activity's paper documentation, showing the project was implemented as required. Once the compliance review is completed, the report and findings will be provided to the grantee for review and concurrence. The State submits the concurrence to FEMA as part of a closeout package to formally close the grant.	Timeframe:	<b>6 Months</b>
<b>Total Timeframe (must not exceed 1,095 days, 36 months, or 3 years)</b>		Timeframe:	<b>36 Months</b>



## COF Next Steps



- Meeting with TEMA reps in 2 – 3 weeks to discuss possible projects and begin detailed steps to prepare application
- Continue to build list of possible acquisition projects
  - Detailed assessments
  - Communication with property owners – personal visits, phone calls